COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF VRISCHIGAM 1102.

Wednesday, the $\frac{\text{1st of December 1926.}}{\text{16th of Vrischigam 1102.}}$

The Council re-assembled in the Town Hall, Ernakulam, at 11—30 a. m. on the 16th of Vrischigam 1102 corresponding to the 1st of December 1926 under the presidency of the Diwan.

Messrs. C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri, K. Krishna Menon, Lonappan Chakkola, P. Munda Vaidyan, Poulo Mampilli, and H. J Walmesly were absent. Those who had walked out returned. The proceedings began with Questions and Answers.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The Kurumali chira.

67. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether they are aware that budget sanction was accorded for the construction of a *chira* in the Kurumali river at a cost of Rs. 3,400 for the benefit of Thamarachal *padam* (D. P. Dis. No. 1259/D/99), and that nothing was done in the matter during 1101 ;

(b) the special reasons, if any, for neglecting such an important work for the agricultural improvement of the State ;

(c) to place on the table the file referred to in (a) above and also to state if there are any other agricultural works neglected during 1101 ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Sanction was given to the construction of a *chira* and an allotment of Rs. 3,400 provided in the budget. But it was not possible to start the work.

(b) There was no negligence in the matter. There is a difference of opinion among the ryots themselves as regards the location of the *chira*. This as also the model on which the *chira* is to be put up is being considered.

(c) The Superintendent's Office file, C. 383/98, is placed on the table. No work intended for agricultural improvement was neglected in 1101.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Sanction for a *chira* was given in 1101, and no bund was put up. The reason given is that the model on which the *chira* is to be put up is being considered. I ask whether all these things were not considered, when budget sanction was given to this *chira*.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Sanction was given for putting up an earthen *chira* in the Kurumali river. On investigation, it was found that an earthen *chira* before the monsoons cease will be risky, and so the question whether a semi-permanent *chira* is to be put up is being considered.

President.—At the time the amount was sanctioned, was this question considered?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—It was not carefully considered.

President.—Was it considered at all? Was it before us or was it an omission to consider?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I think it was an omission to consider.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—They were investigating it for the last so many years.

President.—How many years?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Six or seven years. I think it was after mature consideration they came to the conclusion. Further, the allotment was made in the budget after two considerations. I, therefore, request that the Diwan will be pleased to issue orders as early as possible, since it will give a great relief to a large number of ryots. Again, in the report they say the site proposed is best suited for storing up water, as this is the narrowest portion of the river. They have referred to two considerations, and the report was submitted long ago, and the people were expecting a *chira*. Ryots even cultivated vast areas of paddy fields on the understanding that a *chira* would be put up, because it was found estimated in the budget.

President.—It occurred to them, on a subsequent consideration, that the *chira*, for which the amount was sanctioned, will not suit the purpose, and that, having regard to the current of water flow there, it was thought necessary that a semi-permanent *chira* should be put up, and that the present cost would be an absolute waste. It was on those considerations that the *chira* was not put up.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—To whom did this idea occur?

Mr I. Raman Menon.—The idea occurred to me.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Who made the other investigations?

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President.—Who proposed this earthen bund ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The local Panchayats.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—This year's budget also does not contain anything about this *chira*.

President.—Which is this *chira* ? I have no idea where this *chira* is.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The *chira* is two miles above the Manjankuzhi *chira*.

President.—We had an idea to put up a *chira*.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—That is close to Varandarapalli. The *chira* was put up after the monsoon.

President.—Then that is not the *chira* we are considering.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—No. This is midway between the two.

President.—We are not going to put up a *chira* now, and probably, the question of putting up a semi-permanent *chira* would be considered, and then sufficient funds would be provided. That is the situation.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar—Will the Government at least consider it early ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes.

The expenditure of the Tiruvilluamala Panchayat.

68. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—With reference to question No. 49 (g) of 28th July 1926, will the Government be pleased to state the amount of expenditure allowed to the Tiruvilluamla Panchayat every year since the formation of the Panchayat ;

(b) the amount expended in each year in each of the villages constituting the Panchayat ;

(c) the village of which the President is a resident ;

(d) whether more money was spent in that village ;

(e) the population of the respective villages in the Panchayat?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Please see *Appendix I.*

(b) The information available is appended. (*Appendix II.*) The figures given do not include the charges on account of establishment, office expenses and water *pandals*.

(c) From 11/92·4/95 the President belonged to Tiruvilluamala.

" 4/95·11/96 " Kaniarkod.

" 11/96·6/99 " Pampadi

" 6/99 " Tiruvilluamala.

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